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— FOR —
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## Report of Selectmen.

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### TAXES REQUIRED TO BE ASSESSED, Apr. 1, 1896.

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| State tax for 1896,                        | \$465 70 |
| County tax for 1896,                       | 605 10   |
| Support of school required by law,         | 465 00   |
| For support of school by vote of the town, | 150 00   |
| Town charges,                              | 200 00   |
| Town free library,                         | 27 90    |
| Repairing school buildings,                | 30 00    |
| Per cent. added,                           | 110 30   |

Rate of taxation, \$1.80 on each \$100. Of every thousand dollars of public taxes raised the apportionment of Lempster is .93, and for every dollar of public taxes so apportioned, \$500 shall be raised for the support of schools, and \$30 for the support of the public library.

### INVOICE TAKEN Apr. 1, 1896.

|                            |     |                     |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Polls.                     | 130 | \$13,000 00         |
| Horses,                    | 239 | 9,088 00            |
| Oxen,                      | 44  | 1,988 00            |
| Cows,                      | 274 | 6,152 00            |
| Neat stock,                | 6   | 140 00              |
| Sheep,                     | 144 | 238 00              |
| Fowls,                     | 180 | 54 00               |
| Stock in trade,            |     | 1,650 00            |
| Money on hand at interest, |     | 4,540 00            |
| Mills and machinery,       |     | 4,180 00            |
| Land and buildings,        |     | 117,672 00          |
| Total valuation,           |     | <u>\$158,709 00</u> |

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1896, | \$ 669 05  |
| Due on tax bill of 1894,                           | 102 81     |
| "    "    1895,                                    | 740 40     |
| Taxes assessed for 1896,                           | 2,853 37   |
| Rent on school land,                               | 19 66      |
| Bounty on hawks,                                   | 3 50       |
| Borrowed of J. N. Butler,                          | 1,000 00   |
| "    Huldah W. Glidden,                            | 500 00     |
| Received Sayings Bank tax for 1896,                | 271 32     |
| "    literary fund    "                            | 65 80      |
| "    railroad tax    "                             | 13 05      |
| Interest on tax bill of 1894,                      | 5 00       |
| "    "    1895,                                    | 14 09      |
| "    "    1896,                                    | 2 95       |
| Dog licenses for 1896,                             | 49 20      |
|                                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                                    | \$6,310 20 |

## ENDORSEMENTS ON TOWN NOTES.

|                                                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid L. C. Booth, endorsement on the Universalist |          |
| Society note,                                     | \$350 00 |
| Stephen R. Hurd, endorsement,                     | 6 00     |
| L. C. Booth, endorsement on society note,         | 25 00    |
|                                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                                   | \$381 00 |

## THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Paid Trustees, | \$50 00 |
|----------------|---------|

## PAID BY ORDERS OF SELECTMEN.

## Paid Town Officers.

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| A. W. Welch, Town Clerk,           | \$25 00 |
| "    District Clerk,               | 2 50    |
| H. L. Thompson, Selectman,         | 50 00   |
| James T. Nichols,    "             | 42 00   |
| Wm. E. Perry,    "                 | 38 00   |
| L. A. Purmort, Overseer of Poor,   | 22 00   |
| Daniel Kennedy, Supervisor,        | 10 00   |
| Wm. F. Bruce,    "                 | 15 00   |
| C. W. Sabine,    "                 | 9 00    |
| A. L. Benway, Collector,           | 14 00   |
| Wm. A. Morrison, ballot inspector, | 2 00    |
| E. E. Hurd,    "                   | 2 00    |
| C. W. Sabine,    "                 | 2 00    |
| R. M. Pollard,    "                | 2 00    |



|                                                                   |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| L. B. Allen, Treasurer,                                           | \$20 00         |
| School Board,                                                     | 60 00           |
| Wm. C. Sabine, Moderator,                                         | 6 00            |
| L. A. Purmort and Hiram Parker, as Auditors<br>for 1895 and 1896, | 8 00            |
|                                                                   | <u>\$329 50</u> |

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

|                                                          |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid School Board,                                       | \$586 84        |
| “ school supplies,                                       | 124 69          |
|                                                          | <u>\$711 53</u> |
| Paid repairing committee for repairing school buildings, | \$30 00         |

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

|                                                    |                |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Paid Horace Gee, boarding, Mary Gee,               | \$58 65        |
| David Newton, casket and services,                 | 23 00          |
| J. N. Butler, medical attendance on Mary Gee,      | 6 55           |
| J. N. Butler, in the Davis, Whitcomb and Gee case, | 3 76           |
|                                                    | <u>\$91 96</u> |

## SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

|                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Paid Charles Putnam, support of Westley Perry, | \$15 57       |
| FOR BOARDING TRAMPS.                           |               |
| Paid Allen R. Hood,                            | \$3 75        |
| H. L. Thompson,                                | 50            |
|                                                | <u>\$4 25</u> |

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## Report of Road Agents.

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ARTHUR L. BENWAY, AGENT.

From March 10, 1896, to Feb. 15, 1897.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Paid George Rowe, labor, | \$10 50 |
| Sumner Eaton, “          | 7 50    |
| George Straw, “          | 16 00   |
| James Hosley, “          | 8 85    |
| J. F. Moore, “           | 18 60   |
| J. A. Alexander, “       | 9 00    |
| C. W. Sabine, “          | 9 00    |
| Fred Booth, “            | 9 00    |

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid R. H. Morgan, labor,               | \$ 20 25 |
| W. T. Hamilton, "                       | 38 75    |
| John Nichols, "                         | 25 80    |
| W. E. Perry, "                          | 11 55    |
| Herman Moody, "                         | 6 00     |
| J. F. Wheeler, "                        | 12 50    |
| " plank and timber,                     | 2 61     |
| F. J. Straw, labor,                     | 15 00    |
| H. S. Hooper, "                         | 3 00     |
| W. F. Dufrane, "                        | 17 25    |
| Will Hogan, "                           | 13 50    |
| John O'Brien, "                         | 4 50     |
| W. W. Moody, "                          | 1 50     |
| J. W. Pike, "                           | 4 50     |
| W. F. Bruce, "                          | 1 50     |
| Homer Pike, "                           | 3 00     |
| Harry Page, "                           | 6 00     |
| George Quimby, "                        | 16 95    |
| C. H. Gile, "                           | 1 50     |
| Dexter Hosley, 1,215 feet plank,        | 12 15    |
| Vasco Kennedy, sharpening drills,       | 30       |
| Hiram Parker, spikes,                   | 20       |
| A. L. Benway, labor and use of team,    | 45 25    |
| L. A. Purmort, plank and labor,         | 6 92     |
| J. F. Moore, labor,                     | 3 75     |
| Fred Booth,                             | 60       |
| W. F. Hamilton,                         | 3 25     |
| A. L. Benway, team and labor,           | 6 25     |
| C. Putnam, 2,427 feet plank and timber, | 21 84    |
| Hiram Parker, powder and fuse,          | 85       |
| E. W. Wilkins, sharpening drills,       | 30       |
|                                         | <hr/>    |
|                                         | \$395 77 |

## BREAKING ROADS WINTER AND SPRING, 1896.

ARTHUR BENWAY, AGENT.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Paid R. H. Morgan, | \$ 75   |
| John Nichols,      | 1 80    |
| George Quimby,     | 97      |
| J. F. Moore,       | 1 95    |
| A. L. Benway,      | 1 90    |
| M. Jameson,        | 6 40    |
| F. E. Straw,       | 9 15    |
|                    | <hr/>   |
|                    | \$22 92 |



## WINTER OF 1897.

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid F. E. Straw,                    | \$5 25  |
| M. Jameson,                          | 1 50    |
| A. L. Benway,                        | 1 95    |
| J. F. Wheeler,                       | 3 10    |
| C. H. Gile,                          | 68      |
| G. W. and E. E. Hurd,                | 1 95    |
| R. H. Morgan,                        | 30      |
| George Rowe,                         | 2 10    |
| Milan Noyes,                         | 1 05    |
| Marianna Smith, housing snow roller, | 2 00    |
|                                      | <hr/>   |
|                                      | \$19 88 |

## R. C. ROUNDY, AGENT.

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Paid W. P. Hodgman, | \$1 65  |
| I. H. Hodgman,      | 1 65    |
| Libby Bros.,        | 1 80    |
| L. P. Little,       | 2 70    |
| J. T. Nichols,      | 2 70    |
| R. C. Roundy,       | 4 05    |
| Elmer Howe,         | 2 10    |
|                     | <hr/>   |
|                     | \$16 65 |

## R. C. ROUNDY, AGENT.

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. A. Parker, powder and fuse, | \$ 7 00 |
| J. T. Nichols, labor,               | 22 50   |
| H. L. Thompson, scraper,            | 1 00    |
| R. C. Roundy, plow,                 | 2 00    |
| "        labor,                     | 45 71   |
| Leon Roundy, "        "             | 48 30   |
| R. C. Roundy, work of horse,        | 17 92   |
| A. W. Welch, labor,                 | 5 66    |
| Fred Welch, "        "              | 1 17    |
| A. W. Welch, "        of horse,     | 58      |
| George Straw, "        "            | 50      |
| A. K. Hodgman, "        "           | 30 30   |
| Milan Noyes, "        "             | 24 37   |
| "        "        of team,          | 24 38   |
| E. R. Roundy, "        "            | 12 00   |
| William Gee, "        "             | 10 35   |
| "        "        of cattle.        | 10 35   |
| "        use of plow,               | 50      |

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Charles Thornton, sharpening drills, | \$ 60    |
| Caps and fuse,                            | 1 25     |
| William Hodgman, labor,                   | 15 75    |
| “ “ of horse,                             | 1 13     |
| Isaac Hodgman, “                          | 7 50     |
| “ “                                       | 7 50     |
| Samuel Richardson, “                      | 6 00     |
| “ “                                       | 6 00     |
| Joe Richardson, “                         | 25       |
| Austin Gee, “                             | 2 25     |
| Allen Hood, “                             | 1 48     |
| C. H. Pitkin, bridge plank,               | 11 05    |
| Cutter & Pollard, “                       | 8 39     |
| Fred Nutting, “                           | 2 50     |
| A. F. Perley, timber,                     | 1 00     |
| George Gordon, labor,                     | 4 50     |
| W. W. Moody, “                            | 1 50     |
| Herman Moody, “                           | 1 50     |
| “ “ of team,                              | 1 50     |
| L. P. Little and team,                    | 2 50     |
| “ repairing bridge,                       | 75       |
| Anthony Gile, timber,                     | 2 60     |
| C. H. Gile, labor,                        | 45       |
| Abram Nichols, labor,                     | 1 20     |
| James Hosley, plank,                      | 3 00     |
| R. C. Roundy, repairing plow,             | 75       |
| L. P. Little, “                           | 2 50     |
|                                           | <hr/>    |
|                                           | \$359 90 |

## CHARLES H. PITKIN, AGENT.

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid C. H. Pitkin, labor self and team, | \$78 00 |
| H. Parker, powder, fuse and spikes,     | 2 55    |
| Vasco Kennedy, sharpening drills,       | 50      |
| C. Thornton, repair scraper and bolts,  | 1 75    |
| George McKenzie, labor,                 | 13 50   |
| G. E. Walker, “                         | 9 00    |
| W. N. Nichols, “                        | 6 00    |
| F. Nutting, plank,                      | 23 00   |
| W. Gee, labor self and team,            | 9 00    |
| H. McKenzie, labor,                     | 21 90   |
| “ timber,                               | 10 00   |
| H. Davis, labor,                        | 3 22    |
| F. Dufrane, “                           | 3 75    |

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Paid F. Smith, labor, | \$ 18 75 |
| F. Newton, "          | 61 50    |
| M. Allen, "           | 5 00     |
| W. F. Bruce, "        | 6 00     |
| H. Pike, "            | 6 00     |
| A. Bingham, "         | 4 50     |
| H. Hooper, "          | 12 00    |
| G. Gordon, "          | 2 25     |
| H. Bingham, "         | 17 70    |
| F. E. Straw, "        | 17 84    |
| " " of team,          | 15 00    |
| J. F. Wheeler, plank, | 8 10     |
|                       | <hr/>    |
|                       | \$356 81 |

## WINTER OF 1896-1897, C. H. PITKIN, AGENT.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Paid C. H. Pitkin, | \$ 90   |
| F. Newton,         | 1 0     |
| T. Jameson,        | 1 20    |
| A. J. Parker,      | 60      |
| J. H. Huntley,     | 3 60    |
| J. E. Champney,    | 3 11    |
| G. E. Baker,       | 4 80    |
|                    | <hr/>   |
|                    | \$15 11 |

## PAID BY SELECTMEN, 1895-1896.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid W. P. Hodgman,               | \$2 85  |
| W. E. Perry,                      | 1 20    |
| L. P. Little,                     | 9 30    |
| George W. Libby, agent,           | 26 70   |
| John Young,                       | 1 05    |
| Herbert Nichols,                  | 6 30    |
| G. H. Baker,                      | 7 95    |
| J. Champney,                      | 1 35    |
| C. Kempton,                       | 5 55    |
| William H. Badger,                | 2 05    |
| H. D. Nichols,                    | 1 95    |
| Austin Gee,                       | 2 02    |
| W. A. Morrison,                   | 20 47   |
| H. L. Thompson, labor on highway, | 2 70    |
| Wm. A. Morrison, " 1895,          | 4 00    |
|                                   | <hr/>   |
|                                   | \$94 44 |



## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

|                                                                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. C. Eastman, book for town,                                                  | \$ 4 60 |
| H. L. Thompson, expenses while taking invoice,                                      | 4 00    |
| George W. Libby, three cords wood,                                                  | 11 25   |
| A. L. Benway for building committee, schoolhouse,                                   | 11 57   |
| Albro Baker, driving hearse, 1895,                                                  | 5 00    |
| J. T. Nichols, repairing town hall,                                                 | 4 00    |
| “ oil chimneys, and supplies for town house,                                        | 2 52    |
| E. C. Hitchcock, printing town reports,                                             | 21 50   |
| J. L. Cain, medical attendance in Hattie Paige case,                                | 5 00    |
| J. N. Butler, births and deaths,                                                    | 3 50    |
| “ labor on highway, 1891,                                                           | 12 50   |
| H. S. Paige, damage on highway,                                                     | 110 00  |
| Frank B. Davis, “                                                                   | 51 00   |
| Wm. H. Sisson, county tax for 1896,                                                 | 605 17  |
| Solon A. Carter, state “                                                            | 465 00  |
| J. T. Nichols, labor in cemetery,                                                   | 11 00   |
| H. L. Thompson, “                                                                   | 3 00    |
| “ bounty on hawks,                                                                  | 3 50    |
| E. C. Hitchcock, check lists,                                                       | 4 00    |
| Hiram Parker, high school money,                                                    | 150 00  |
| A. Noyes & Son, interest on money,                                                  | 7 98    |
| L. B. Allen, “                                                                      | 6 75    |
| J. T. Nichols, care town hall,                                                      | 15 00   |
| J. N. Butler, consultation in the Hattie Paige case,                                | 1 50    |
| A. W. Welch, putting up voting booths,                                              | 1 00    |
| I. H. Hodgman, paid for right of way,                                               | 5 00    |
| W. W. Moody, services as sexton,                                                    | 26 00   |
| “ tolling bell and water tub,                                                       | 2 00    |
| A. J. Mitchell, for board of health,                                                | 3 12    |
| Mary E. Porter, housing hearse,                                                     | 1 50    |
| Wm. F. Bruce, use of water and labor,                                               | 2 00    |
| Abatements on tax bill of 1895,                                                     | 1 74    |
| “ “ 1896,                                                                           | 10 98   |
| Remaining on tax bill, 1894,                                                        | 21 73   |
| “ “ 1895,                                                                           | 324 91  |
| “ “ 1896,                                                                           | 883 98  |
| J. T. Nichols, entertainment of town officers for<br>the year ending Feb. 13, 1897, | 8 75    |
| Daniel Kennedy, dog police,                                                         | 5 00    |

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 \$2,817 05

|                                                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with |            |
| receipts of                                        | \$6,310 20 |
| The disbursements amount to                        | 5,713 43   |
|                                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                                    | \$596 77   |

## NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN, Feb. 15, 1897.

|                                                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| J. N. Butler,                                      | \$1,000 00 |
| "                                                  | 225 00     |
| "                                                  | 100 00     |
| Universalist Society,                              | 500 00     |
| "    "                                             | 150 00     |
| Huldah Glidden,                                    | 500 00     |
| Stephen R. Hurd,                                   | 25 00      |
| Interest on above notes,                           | 90 00      |
|                                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                                    | \$2,590 00 |
| Due the trustees of the D. S. Honey cemetery fund, | \$300 00   |

## ASSETS.

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,      | \$596 77   |
| Remaining on tax bill, 1894,             | 21 73      |
| "    "    1895,                          | 324 91     |
| "    "    1896,                          | 883 98     |
| Rent due on E. Babbs' school land, 1892, | 4 00       |
| "    "    "    1893,                     | 4 50       |
| "    "    "    1894,                     | 4 50       |
| "    "    "    1895,                     | 4 50       |
| "    "    "    1896,                     | 4 50       |
| Rent due on Jesse Nichols' "    1893,    | 4 83       |
| "    "    "    1894,                     | 4 83       |
| "    "    "    1895,                     | 2 41       |
|                                          | <hr/>      |
|                                          | \$1,861 46 |
| Notes and interest amount to             | \$2,590 00 |
| D. S. Honey fund,                        | 300 00     |
|                                          | <hr/>      |
|                                          | \$2,890 00 |
| Assets,                                  | 1,861 46   |
|                                          | <hr/>      |
|                                          | \$1,028 54 |

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| H. L. THOMPSON, | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Lempster |
| J. T. NICHOLS,  |                               |
| W. E. PERRY,    |                               |

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| L. A. PURMORT, | } Auditors. |
| HIRAM PARKER,  |             |

Lempster, N. H., Feb. 17, 1897.

# School Board's Report.

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DIVISION No. 1. Both terms were taught by Miss Kate O'Brien. A large part of the scholars in this school are quite young, and not so advanced in their studies as in some other schools. The teacher apparently had the good will of her pupils, and her labors were crowned with success.

DIVISION No. 2. Miss Maud D. Mitchell, teacher of both terms. Miss Mitchell is one of those teachers that believe in a thorough knowledge of the ground gone over, rather than great haste in advancing, and good results followed her method of instruction.

DIVISION No. 3. Spring term taught by Miss Elvia M. Cutler, with good success. This teacher very patiently taught a class of beginners to read, in addition to her other work. When scholars five years old, and probably younger, learn to read tolerably well in first reader, we feel that their teacher has done good work. The parents were sorry to lose the services of Miss Cutler in the fall term. Fall term, Miss Gertrude I. Nichols, teacher. We consider Miss Nichols worthy of praise for drilling the scholars in speaking loudly and with distinction. The final examination was very satisfactory, owing to the visitors and superintendent being able to hear everything very distinctly. Good progress was made.

DIVISION No. 4. Miss Grace E. Webster, teacher of spring term. Only six pupils in attendance, a number too small to make an interesting school, but she did her best for the benefit of the few, with good results. Miss Elvia M. Cutler took charge of the fall term; with an increased number of scholars a greater interest was manifested, and a successful term was held.

DIVISION No. 5. Miss Alice G. Wigley in the spring, and Miss Marion H. Brown in the fall, were teachers of the several terms. This school in scholarship and promptness has for several years past ranked second to no other in town. Both teachers were competent and faithful in their work, and good schools were the result of their labor.



## GENERAL REMARKS.

The school year of 1896 is now numbered with the things of the past, and we are now able to give from our observation some estimate of the benefit derived from the expenditure of our school fund. We are happy to say, that if there has been nothing extremely phenomenal in the success of any one particular term, we can congratulate the district upon the fact that there has not been anything nearly approaching a total failure in any case; and we confidently assert the belief, that upon the whole, our schools have been well managed and as successful, when compared with those of late years; although from the reason of a smaller appropriation of school money, we have been compelled to somewhat curtail the length of the several terms. There have been five schools maintained the past year of twenty weeks each, in which it has been the aim of the School Board to have the interests of the younger people especially cared for, leaving the more advanced ones to derive the benefit of the high school, and in this matter we have been tolerably well seconded by the teachers.

We are sorry to notice that the pages of a few of the registers are defaced by an altogether too large a number of those ominous black marks and lines that denote a slackness in punctuality, and an indifference to receiving the full benefit of the school, on the part of a few of the scholars, or their parents — perhaps in some cases of both parties. It certainly is beneficial to children to train them up in habits of punctuality and promptness. There can be no better place for the lesson than in the school room, and in county schools at least, they are not overburdened with such excessively long terms of school that pupils can afford to lose the benefit of any great part of any session.

During the time in which the district has been furnishing the school books, there has been expended the sum of about four hundred dollars for books and school supplies, in excess of what has been paid for charts, and the new series of readers lately introduced, which gives more than four dollars per head for each scholar. Most of the books now in use, except the new readers, and those recently bought to fill the place of those worn out, are in a sorry state of dilapidation and shabbiness, and will very shortly have to be replaced by new ones. We would suggest to the parents the idea of a frequent inspection of the school books used by their children, and ask them to require of them the same care and neatness in handling the books, and to do it as emphatically as they would do in case they were individually called upon to put their hands in their own pockets and pay for new ones.

A few words in regard to the school houses. Those in use are in a fair state of repair externally, that at the village having been paint-

ed last season. The seats of some of them are not up to the times for comfort, especially the one at East Lempster. The matter of supplying better ones must be left for your decision at the coming annual meeting.

We are pleased to see by the school registers that many of the people of this town have not lost their interest in the cause of common schools, but yearly visit the school rooms and lend by their presence the needed encouragement to both scholar and teacher; and may it never come to pass, that the people shall become indifferent to the success of that safeguard of our liberty and prosperity, the sole hope of the free action and free speech for the masses, that shall forever be maintained by the universal education of the children in our own free common schools.

Thanking the pupils, teachers and the people generally, for their uniform courtesy in this and past years, this report is respectfully submitted.

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| LOREN A. NOYES,       | } School<br>Board. |
| WM. C. SABINE,        |                    |
| MARTHA F. RICHARDSON, |                    |

## School Treasurer's Report.

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### BOOK ACCOUNT.

|                                                 |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Received of Town Treasurer,                     | \$124 69 |
| "    for books sold,                            | 2 15     |
|                                                 | <hr/>    |
|                                                 | \$126 84 |
| Paid E. E. Babbs & Co., for books and supplies, | \$42 45  |
| American Book Co.,    "                         | 35 64    |
| Silyer, Burdett & Co.,    "                     | 38 10    |
| For other books,                                | 3 25     |
| Express on books,                               | 2 90     |
| John Weber, Teacher's certificates,             | 1 50     |
| Mary Hodgman, care of school books,             | 3 00     |
|                                                 | <hr/>    |
|                                                 | \$126 84 |

### REPAIRING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance in treasury,               | \$28 64 |
| From Town Treasurer,               | 30 00   |
| From school money,                 | 17 41   |
|                                    | <hr/>   |
|                                    | \$76 05 |
| Paid Erastus L. Lovejoy, painting, | \$24 00 |
| 21½ gallons of paint,              | 26 88   |
| Freight on paint,                  | 1 00    |
| Hiram Parker, bill for supplies,   | 8 43    |
| Albro Baker, for blinds, etc.,     | 15 00   |
| For other repairs,                 | 74      |
|                                    | <hr/>   |
|                                    | \$76 05 |



## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

|                                                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance in treasury,                                  | \$ 24 26 |
| Received public school money,                         | 465 00   |
| "    Literary fund,                                   | 65 80    |
| "    Rent of school land,                             | 29 16    |
| "    From Asa Way fund,                               | 26 82    |
|                                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                                       | \$611 04 |
| Paid for cleaning school houses,                      | \$ 4 50  |
| For building fires,                                   | 4 50     |
| For incidental expenses,                              | 3 46     |
| Acworth district, tuition of Morrison children, 1895, | 10 00    |
| Alice G. Wigley, teaching and board, 10 weeks,        | 50 00    |
| Grace E. Webster, " " "                               | 50 00    |
| Elvia M. Cutler, " " "                                | 50 00    |
| Kate M. O'Brien, " " "                                | 50 00    |
| Maud D. Mitchell, " " 9 "                             | 45 00    |
| Marion H. Brown, " " 10 "                             | 50 00    |
| Elvia M. Cutler, " " "                                | 50 00    |
| Gertrude I. Nichols, " " "                            | 50 00    |
| Kate M. O'Brien, " " "                                | 50 00    |
| Maud D. Mitchell, " " 11 "                            | 55 00    |
| George H. Baker, 2 cords wood,                        | 8 00     |
| James T. Nichols, 1½ "                                | 5 50     |
| George A. Gordon, 1½ "                                | 5 00     |
| Charles W. Sabine, 1 "                                | 4 00     |
| Wm. H. Haines, conveying scholars,                    | 7 50     |
| Joseph Champney, "                                    | 7 50     |
| Census cards, warrants and postage,                   | 1 25     |
| Repairing school houses,                              | 17 41    |
|                                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                                       | \$578 62 |

Leaving a balance in the treasury of \$32.42.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SABINE, Treasurer.

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I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Wm. C. Sabine, treasurer of school district, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ASBURY F. PERLEY, Auditor.

Lempster, Feb. 10, 1897.

# Report of the High School Committee

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

The committee secured the services of Miss Jennie P. Chapman of Laconia, N. H., as teacher of the high school. Miss Chapman was a stranger to us, but she came well recommended by those that knew something of her past success as a teacher and scholar, and we found her equal to her recommendation. She was untiring in her labors, an excellent disciplinarian, easy in manners, and clear in imparting instruction to those she had in charge. There were fifty scholars in all who attended the term, and we are sure they all made good progress in the different branches taught, as the closing examination well demonstrated, and too much praise cannot be given them for the work they did and for their moral deportment. Well did they play their part to make the Lempster High School of 1896-97 a success.

## FINANCIAL.

### RECEIPTS.

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount received from the Town Treasurer, | \$150 00 |
| From scholars out of town,               | 5 00     |
|                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                          | \$155 00 |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Jennie P. Chapman, teaching 11 weeks, | \$110 00 |
| Elvia M. Cutler, teaching small scholars,  | 5 00     |
| Gertrude Nichols,                   “      | 5 00     |
| John F. Wheeler, blackboard,               | 5 00     |
| For wood,                                  | 15 00    |
| Fred Welch, building fires,                | 2 00     |
| For stove pipe,                            | 2 00     |
| For oil, lamp chimneys and crayons,        | 1 00     |
| H. F. Olmstead, use of organ,              | 1 50     |
| Stage fare of teacher to Newport,          | 1 00     |
|                                            | <hr/>    |
|                                            | \$147 50 |
| Leaving a balance of                       | \$7 50   |

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| HIRAM PARKER,   | } Committee. |
| A. J. MITCHELL, |              |
| A. F. PERLEY,   |              |

## Report of Librarian.

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The Free Public Library has become an important and necessary institution to all progressive people who live in this enlightened age, and to the inhabitants of Lempster it is especially so. Your library has been very well patronized in the past year. There has been more than two thousand publications taken out in the last year, making the average more than 38 each week. Since March 1st, 1896, the room has been opened to the public Saturday afternoon and evening only, and I see no reason why this arrangement has not proved satisfactory to the public and all concerned. The library room is a neat and pleasant one and will serve its purpose for many years. The only needed repairs will be a small outlay for more shelves which are much needed. Your library contains 536 books labeled and numbered for use, and 714 magazines, all in good condition. There has been over 100 bound books added to the library in the past year, noticeable among them is an Encyclopedia History of the World, in five volumes, for reference, which our scholars will appreciate in the years to come. About 20 books have been donated by different persons, and fourteen years back numbers of Harpers, Century and other magazines. Among the most liberal donors I will mention Mr. George E. Frink, a former Lempster boy and a native of the town, now of Springfield, Mass., and Mr. George Moore of Boston, Mass., also a native of Lempster. The record book shows fines to the amount of \$5.32 for keeping over stated time. Only 84 cents has been received, leaving \$4.48 unpaid. I am sorry to be obliged to make this showing in regard to fines imposed, but it is one of the rules of the library to collect a fine of two cents a day on books kept out more than three weeks, or if the fine is not paid the delinquent shall forfeit all library privileges. Now this is not an arbitrary rule but is quite



necessary to insure the the return of the books and to prevent people who take out books being careless about their return on time. If they want to keep the book a longer time they can bring it back and renew, and so avoid a fine. When there is bad weather or bad traveling there is some excuse for this, but in the majority of cases there were no obstacles. I hope that the next year's report will have a different showing. Thanking the trustees for their kindly suggestions and cheerful co-operation, and the general public for the interest manifested, I herewith submit my annual report.

Very respectfully,

FRED W. WELCH, Librarian.

Lempster, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

|                                                   |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cash in the hands of the Trustees, Feb. 15, 1896, | \$ 1 74 |
| Received from the town,                           | 50 00   |
| “ Librarian for fines.                            | 98      |
|                                                   | <hr/>   |
|                                                   | \$52 72 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid the C. A. Nichols Co., for books,    | \$25 00 |
| Fred W. Welch, for services as Librarian, | 15 00   |
| For wood and putting same in house,       | 3 30    |
| For oil,                                  | 26      |
| In hands of the Trustees,                 | 9 10    |
|                                           | <hr/>   |
|                                           | \$52 72 |

HIRAM PARKER, }  
 E. E. HURD. } Trustees.  
 A. F. PERLEY, }





# VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Lempster, for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

| Date    | Name of Child | Names of Parents. |            |         |        | Color.         | Residence of Parents. | Birthplace of |              |              |
|---------|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|         |               | Father.           |            | Mother. |        |                |                       | Occupation.   | Father.      | Mother.      |
|         |               | Sex.              | Condition. | Number. | Color. |                |                       |               |              |              |
| Apr. 23 |               | M                 | L          | 8       | White  | Israel Vidney  | Clara V. Austin       | Lempster      | Canada       | Lowell, Mass |
| June 4  | Walter M.     | M                 | L          | 1       | White  | Nath H. Backus | Flora Searsons        | Lempster      | Boston, Mass | Acworth      |
| July 1  |               | M                 | L          | 2       | White  | Wm. P. Hodgman | Camilla U. Pollard    | Lempster      | Lempster     | Lempster     |
| July 4  | Lawrence      | M                 | L          | 4       | White  | Levi H. Davis  | Hattie E. Carpenter   | Lempster      | Acworth      | Bennington   |
| Nov. 14 |               | M                 | L          | 4       | White  |                |                       |               |              |              |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Lempster, for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

| Date<br>1896 | Name of<br>Deceased. | Age   |        | Birthplace<br>of Each |       | Occupation |                | Birthplace     |              | Name of<br>Father | Maiden Name of<br>Mother |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|-------|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|              |                      | Years | Months | Days                  | Color | Condition  | Father         | Mother         |              |                   |                          |
|              |                      |       |        |                       |       |            |                |                |              |                   |                          |
| Mar. 7       | George W. Town       | 78    |        |                       | M     | M Farmer   | Stoddard       | Loominster, Ms | Lemuel Towne | Dolly Knights     |                          |
| June 18      | Jesse H. Baker       | 81    |        |                       | M     | M Farmer   | Pembroke       | Pembroke       | Joseph Baker | Susan Holt        |                          |
| Aug. 31      | Mary A. Gee          | 69    |        |                       | F     | D Domestic | Pembroke       | Connecticut    |              | Rebecca Maynard   |                          |
| Sept. 3      | Stephen Allen        | 85    |        |                       | M     | M Farmer   | Strobridge, Ms | Sutton         | Peniel Allen | Cath. Littlehale  |                          |
| Dec. 1       | Dexter C. Hosley     | 70    |        |                       | M     | W Farmer   | Hancock        | Marlow         | David Hosley | Hannah Gale       |                          |



Marriages Registered in the Town of Lempster, for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

| Date<br>1896 | Place of<br>Marriage | Name of Groom<br>and Bride | Residence of<br>Each | Age | Color | Occupation<br>of Each | Birthplace<br>of Each | Names<br>of Parents | Birthplace<br>of Each | Occupation<br>of Each | No. Mar. |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| June 14      | Bellows<br>Falls, Vt | Lucien C. Booth            | Lempster             | 32  |       | Farmer                | Lempster              | Charles M. Booth    | Lempster              | Farmer                | 1        |
|              |                      | Fannie A. Washburn         | Marlow               | 35  |       | Cook                  | Alstead               | Helen L. Dodge      | Alstead               | Housewife             | 1        |
| 28           | Goshen               | Thomas M. Jameson          | Lempster             | 37  |       | Farmer                | Philipsburg,<br>Can   | Eli Washburn        | Springfield, Vt       | Farmer                | 1        |
|              |                      | Altie V. Stevens           | "                    | 22  |       | Domestic              | Joliet, Ills          | Cordelia S. Ellis   | Belfast, Ire          | Housewife             | 1        |
| Nov. 5       | E. Lempster          | Frank B. Davis             | "                    | 45  |       | Farmer                | Lempster              | Mary Jameson        | Alburg, Vt            | Housewife             | 1        |
|              |                      | Harriet S. Paige           | "                    | 42  |       | Domestic              | "                     | Reuben F. Stevens   | Lempster              | Engineer              | 1        |
| 14           | E. Lempster          | Lorenzo D. Moody           | "                    | 47  | White | Farmer                | Wells, Me             | Laura Dodge         | Acworth               | Housewife             | 2        |
|              |                      | Lillie A. Towne            | "                    | 33  |       | Domestic              | Lempster              | Elizabeth Moore     | Lempster              | Farmer                | 2        |
| 25           | E. Lempster          | Elias B. Abbott            | "                    | 75  |       | Farmer                | New London            | George W. Libby     | Straford, Me          | Housewife             | 2        |
|              |                      | Ursula E. Dodge            | "                    | 57  |       | Domestic              | Rockingham, Vt        | Minerva Eaton       | York, Me              | Farmer                | 2        |
| Dec. 31      | Goshen               | Adelbert G. Alexander      | "                    | 21  |       | Teamster              | Dunham, Can           | Eben C. Moody       | Deerfield             | Housewife             | 1        |
|              |                      | Alice M. King              | Newport              | 17  |       | Domestic              | Middleboro, Vt        | Caroline Tandy      | Stoddard              | Farmer                | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | George W. Towne     | Pembroke              | Housewife             | 2        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Elizabeth A. Baker  | Concord, Mass         | Farmer                | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Theodore Abbott     | New London            | Housewife             | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Polly Burpee        | Stoddard              | Carpenter             | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Warren Dodge        | Charlestown           | Housewife             | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Elizabeth Garfield  | Dunham, Can           | Farmer                | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Gilman Alexander    | Dunham, Can           | Housewife             | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Dorothy Hurdle      | Lebanon               | Laborer               | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Gorenzo L. King     | Canada                | Housewife             | 1        |
|              |                      |                            |                      |     |       |                       |                       | Margaret DeLas      |                       | Housewife             | 1        |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR W. WELCH, Town Clerk.



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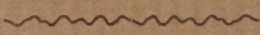
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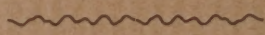
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